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Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

1. *Sex Offenders. Punishment. Parole. Public Information. Initiative Statute.*
2. *Recall Signature Requirements. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponents of two new initiatives have received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for their measures.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follows:

SEX OFFENDERS. PUNISHMENT. PAROLE. PUBLIC INFORMATION. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Increases penalties, lengthens parole periods for specified sex crimes. Requires electronic monitoring of registered sex offender parolees. Adds crimes subject to "Megan's Law" public disclosure. Requires that disclosures include registrants' addresses, license plate numbers and whether victim was a child. Requires that Megan's Law information be available on Internet. Requires registered sex offenders to renew driver's license annually, provide DMV with current photograph, address verification. Sexual predator law to apply where disordered offender commits violent predatory sexual crime against single victim under age 14. Expands HIV/AIDS testing for accused sex offenders.

The proponents, Dennis Hollingsworth and Jay La Seuer, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, 5 percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election for their measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is April 19, 2004. The initiative proponents can be reached at 916-337-2102.

RECALL SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Increases numbers of elector signatures required to cause a recall election for a statewide elected officer from 12 percent to 25 percent of the number of votes cast in the last election for the official subject to the recall. Increases number of elector signatures required to cause recall for a member of the State Senate, Assembly, Board of Equalization, and judges of the trial courts and courts of appeal from 20 percent to 25 percent of the number of votes cast in the last election for the office subject to the recall.

The proponent, Carey Chern, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, 8 percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election for his measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is April 19, 2004. The initiative proponent can be reached at 415-305-6763.

For a copy of the complete texts, titles & summaries, and circulation calendars, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.